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### FPPC Enforcement Decisions: August 11, 2003

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commissions at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on August 11, 2003. Decisions are divided by category and include brief summaries of each case and the amount of the fines.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the current agenda on the FPPC Web site at *www.fppc.ca.gov*. FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

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#### **Campaign Mass Mailing Sender Identification Violation**

AMAC Information & Graphics and William MacAlpin, FPPC No. 99/237. Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Melodee A. Mathay and Investigator III Jon Wroten. AMAC Information & Graphics is a political campaign company located in Redondo Beach. William MacAlpin is the owner of AMAC. In April 1999, an anonymous candidate or committee paid AMAC and MacAlpin to process and mail a mass mailing to voters in Inglewood that depicted elected officials and candidates as apes and monkeys. The mass mailing did not contain any sender identification. The actions in processing and mailing the mass mailing, even though it lacked the required sender identification, negligently caused the anonymous candidate or committee to send a mass mailing without sender identification, in violation of Section 84305 (1 count). \$2,000

#### **Campaign Reporting Violations**

United Food and Commercial Workers Issue Education Fund, John Perez, and John Sperry, FPPC No. 01/388. Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Melodee A. Mathay and Accounting Specialist Bill Marland. United Food and Commercial Workers Issue Education Fund is a state general-purpose recipient committee, sponsored by the United Food and Commercial Workers Region 8 States Council. The respondents are located in Orange County. John Perez and John Sperry served as treasurers for the committee. Respondents failed to timely disclose eight late independent expenditures in properly filed late independent expenditure reports, in violation of Section 84204(a); failed to timely file three supplemental independent expenditure reports, in violation of Section 84203.5(a); failed to properly report contributions of \$100 or more on a pre-election campaign statement, in violation of Section 84211(f); failed to properly disclose miscellaneous receipts on a pre-election campaign statement, in violation of Section 84211(k); and failed to disclose a late contribution on a properly filed late contribution report, in violation of Section 84203(a) (14 counts). \$23,000

United Public Employees Local 790 COPE: Non-Candidate Committee; United Public Employees Local 790 COPE: Candidate Committee; and Josephine Mooney; FPPC No. 01/248. Staff: Commission Counsel Elizabeth K. Conti and Investigator Larry Phoenix. The committees are state general-purpose recipient committees sponsored by the United Public Employees Local 790 COPE, a labor organization based in Oakland. Josephine Mooney was the treasurer for the committees. Respondents failed to disclose three late contributions in properly filed late contribution reports, in violation of Section 84203(a) (3 counts). \$1,500

Service Employees International Union, FPPC No. 01/392. Staff: Commission Counsel Elizabeth K. Conti and Investigator Larry Phoenix. Service Employees International Union, an AFL-CIO labor organization headquartered in Washington, D. C., failed to disclose one late contribution in a properly filed late contribution report, in violation of Section 84203(a) (1 count). \$2,000

Benjamin S. Elias, Ben S. Elias for Assembly and Armen Elias, FPPC No. 00/62. Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and Investigator III Dan Schek. Benjamin Elias was an unsuccessful candidate for the California State Assembly, Eighteenth District, in the June 1998 primary election. Ben S. Elias for Assembly was the controlled committee of Elias. Armen Elias was the treasurer of the committee. The respondents failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code section 84200(a) (1 count). \$1,000

Olsen Power Partners; FPPC No. 02/715. Staff: Commission Counsel Jennie Eddy and Investigator III Jon Wroten. Respondent Olsen Power Partners is a business that owns and operates a hydroelectric facility, located in Annapolis, Md. The respondent failed to disclose a late contribution in a properly filed late contribution report, in violation of Section 84203(a) (1 count). \$1,500

**Synergics Telemetry, LLC; FPPC No. 02/718.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jennie Eddy and Investigator III Jon Wroten. Synergics Telemetry, LLC is a limited liability corporation engaged in the telecommunications business, headquartered in Annapolis, Md. The respondent failed to disclose two late contributions in properly filed late contribution reports, in violation of Section 84203(a) (2 counts). \$3,300

#### **SEI Violations**

**Denise Johnson, FPPC No. 02/61.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager. Denise Johnson, a designated employee of the California Department of Motor Vehicles, failed to timely file a leaving-office Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (1 count). **\$300** 

**Gopal Chaturvedi, FPPC No. 01/741.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and Investigator III Dan Schek. Gopal Chaturvedi, a member of the Respiratory Care Examining Committee for the California Department of Consumer Affairs, failed to timely file an assuming-office Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (1 count). **\$600** 

Michael L. Torr; FPPC No. 01/626. Staff: Commission Counsel William J. Lenkeit and Investigator III Dan Schek. Michael Torr, a member of the governing board of the Sweetwater Springs Water District in Sonoma County, failed to timely file a 2001 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (1 count). \$1,000

**David Williamson, FPPC No. 02/404.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager. David Williamson, a member of the Berkeley Energy Commission, failed to timely file a 2001 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (1 count). **\$1,200** 

**George Engasser, FPPC No. 02/90.** Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager. The commission issued a Default Decision and Order in the matter of George Engasser, a member of the Oroville Parks Commission, who failed to timely file a 2000 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (1 count). **\$1,200** 

#### **Major Donor - Streamlined Procedure**

**Failure to Timely File Major Donor Campaign Statements.** Staff: Chief Investigator Alan Herndon, Investigator III Jon Wroten, and Political Reform Consultant Maryann Kvasager. The following persons and entities have entered into stipulations for failing to file major donor campaign statements that were due during the calendar year of 2002, in violation of Government Code Section 84200:

• Arturo & Barbara Sneider, FPPC No. 2003-308. Arturo & Barbara Sneider of Los Angeles failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400

- **Diana Martin, FPPC No. 2003-310.** Diana Martin of Rolling Hills Estates failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$19,300 (2 counts). **\$800**
- Edythe Broad, FPPC No. 2003-311. Edythe Broad of Los Angeles failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$16,000 (2 counts). \$800
- Herbert A. Allen, FPPC No. 2003-314. Herbert A. Allen of New York, N.Y., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$25,000 (1 count). \$400
- **Dr. Jerrold A. Hiura, FPPC No. 2003-315.** Dr. Jerrold A. Hiura of Los Gatos failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$21,250 (2 counts). **\$800**
- **John F. Nickoll, FPPC No. 2003-316.** John F. Nickoll of Los Angeles failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$22,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- **Peter K. Barker, FPPC No. 2003-318.** Peter K. Barker of Montecito failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- William & Lee Bell, FPPC No. 2003-320. William & Lee Bell of Beverly Hills failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- Liquidity Financial Group, FPPC No. 2003-321. Liquidity Financial Group of Pleasanton failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$15,000 (1 count). \$400
- Paxson Communications Corporation, FPPC No. 2003-323. Paxson Communications Corporation of West Palm Beach, Fla., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$25,000 (1 count). \$400
- Snelling Personnel Services, FPPC No. 2003-324. Snelling Personnel Services of Dallas, Texas, failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- **2228 Union Street Investors, FPPC No. 2003-325.** 2228 Union Street Investors of San Francisco failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$15,500 (1 count). **\$400**
- **AV Consultants, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-326.** AV Consultants, Inc. of Wayne, Pa., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- Advertising Display Systems, FPPC No. 2003-327. Advertising Display Systems of Burlingame failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- **Applied Materials, FPPC No. 2003-328.** Applied Materials of Santa Clara failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$27,400 (1 count). **\$400**
- Aribo Corporation, FPPC No. 2003-329. Aribo Corporation of Marina del Rey failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400

- Lawrence J. Ellison, FPPC No. 2003-333. Lawrence J. Ellison of Redwood Shores failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$25,000 (1 count). \$400
- **HACH Company, FPPC No. 2003-334.** HACH Company of Loveland, Colo., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- HNR Framing Systems, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-335. HNR Framing Systems, Inc., of Poway failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$16,000 (1 count). \$400
- MBK Homes, Ltd., FPPC No. 2003-337. MBK Homes, Ltd., of Irvine failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$17,000 (1 count). \$400
- Oliver McMillan, LLC, FPPC No. 2003-338. Oliver McMillan, LLC, of San Diego failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$20,000 (1 count). \$400
- **Jerry Neil Paul, FPPC No. 2003-340.** Jerry Neil Paul of Westlake Village failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$25,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- Valley View Casino, FPPC No. 2003-342. Valley View Casino of Valley Center failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$25,000 (1 count). \$400
- Jackson Wen, FPPC No. 2003-343. Jackson Wen of West Covina failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$19,500 (1 count). \$400
- Annette M. Williams, FPPC No. 2003-344. Annette M. Williams of Grand Terrace failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,500 (1 count). \$400
- Williams Scotsman, FPPC No. 2003-345. Williams Scotsman of Vacaville failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$18,100 (1 count). \$581
- **Robert Yu, FPPC No. 2003-346.** Robert Yu of Alhambra failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- **Z Valet, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-347.** Z Valet, Inc. of Los Angeles failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$15,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- AguaClara, LLC, FPPC No. 2003-371. AguaClara, LLC, of San Diego failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$25,000 (1 count). \$400
- Martha A. Bell, FPPC No. 2003-373. Martha A. Bell of Rancho Santa Fe failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$15,350 (1 count). \$400
- Bentley Systems, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-374. Bentley Systems, Inc., of Exton, Pa., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400

- Bernard B. Roth & Affiliate World Oil Corporation, FPPC No. 2003-375. Bernard B. Roth & Affiliate World Oil Corporation of South Gate failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$25,000 (1 count). \$400
- Bosa Development California, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-376. Bosa Development California, Inc., of San Diego failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$25,000 (1 count). \$400
- **Breadboard Enterprises, FPPC No. 2003-377.** Breadboard Enterprises of San Francisco failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- **Peter L. Buttenwieser, FPPC No. 2003-380.** Peter L. Buttenwieser of Philadelphia, Pa., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$12,500 (1 count). **\$400**
- C.C. Myers, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-381. C.C. Myers, Inc., of Rancho Cordova failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$15,000 (1 count). \$400
- C.W. Poss, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-382. C.W. Poss, Inc., of Fullerton failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$25,000 (2 counts). \$889
- Russell L. Carson, FPPC No. 2003-386. Russell L. Carson of New York, N.Y., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- Christopher J. Conway, FPPC No. 2003-389. Christopher J. Conway of Dove Canyon failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- **Donal J. Murphy, FPPC No. 2003-391.** Donal J. Murphy of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- Larry N. Feinberg, FPPC No. 2003-395. Larry N. Feinberg of Greenwich, Conn., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- Harold R. & Diana Frank, FPPC No. 2003-396. Harold R. & Diana Frank of Goleta failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$16,200 (1 count). \$400
- Steve Gorlin, FPPC No. 2003-398. Steve Gorlin of Destin, Fla., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- Michael Henson, FPPC No. 2003-400. Michael Henson of Coto de Laza failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- International Creative Management, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-401. International Creative Management, Inc., of Beverly Hills failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,150 (1 count). \$400

- JLD Staffing, Inc., dba HR Staffing, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-403. JLD Staffing, Inc., dba HR Staffing, Inc., of Thousand Oaks failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- **Kinetics Group, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-406.** Kinetics Group, Inc., of Santa Clara failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$26,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- Ronald K. Loder, FPPC No. 2003-409. Ronald K. Loder of Laguna Niguel failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$20,000 (1 count). \$400
- McSherry & Hudson, FPPC No. 2003-412. McSherry & Hudson of Watsonville failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- Meritage Homes of Northern California, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-413. Meritage Homes
  of Northern California, Inc., of Concord failed to timely disclose contributions totaling
  \$39,660 (1 count). \$400
- Greg C. Mosher, FPPC No. 2003-415. Greg C. Mosher of Castle Rock, Colo., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- Opus West Corporation, FPPC No. 2003-417. Opus West Corporation of Phoenix, Ariz., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$15,000 (1 count). \$400
- Lawrence A. Post, FPPC No. 2003-419. Lawrence A. Post of Beverly Hills failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- **Provender Capital Group, LLC, FPPC No. 2003-420.** Provender Capital Group, LLC, of New York, N.Y., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- **J. Miles Reiter, FPPC No. 2003-422.** J. Miles Reiter of Aromas failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$26,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- Reynen & Bardis Development, LLC, FPPC No. 2003-423. Reynen & Bardis Development, LLC, of Sacramento failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$46,849 (1 count). \$446.85
- **John A. Schneider, FPPC No. 2003-426.** John A. Schneider of New York, N.Y., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$27,000 (1 count). **\$400**
- Daniel L. Skaff, FPPC No. 2003-427. Daniel L. Skaff of Sonoma failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400

- Taisei Construction Corporation, FPPC No. 2003-428. Taisei Construction
   Corporation of Cypress failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count).
   \$400
- Trevor D. Traina, FPPC No. 2003-429. Trevor D. Traina of San Francisco failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400
- Van Wagner Communications, LLC, FPPC No. 2003-432. Van Wagner Communications, LLC, of Studio City failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$40,000 (1 count). \$400
- Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand, Chartered, FPPC No. 2003-433. Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand, Chartered of Washington, DC failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$15,000 (2 counts). \$800
- Wackenhut Corrections Corporation, FPPC No. 2003-434. Wackenhut Corrections
  Corporation of Boca Raton, Florida failed to timely disclose contributions totaling
  \$19,750 (1 count). \$400
- Webb Survivor's Trust, FPPC No. 2003-435. Webb Survivor's Trust of Beverly Hills failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$20,000 (1 count). \$400

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- **tBP Architecture, FPPC No. 2003-349.** tBP Architecture of Newport Beach failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$66,750 (2 counts). **\$1,467.50**
- Glenn Doshay, FPPC No. 2003-392. Glenn Doshay of Rancho Santa Fe failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$50,000 (1 count). \$1,300
- United Rentals, Inc., FPPC No. 2003-431. United Rentals, Inc of Greenwich, Conn., failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$50,000 (1 count). \$1,300